

# NW Oregon county approves rezoning farmland for industrial park expansion

By **GEORGE PLAVEN**  
Capital Press

CLATSKANIE, Ore. — Columbia County commissioners have approved rezoning 837 acres of high-value farmland for industrial use despite concerns over its potential impact on neighboring farms and salmon habitat.

It is the third time since 2014 commissioners have approved the rezone. The decision was previously remanded twice by the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals.

At least one environmental group is already pledging to again appeal to LUBA, which could take months to review the case.

The property in question was purchased by the Port of Columbia County in 2010. It is adjacent to the Port Westward Industrial Park along the Columbia River.

Officials are seeking to rezone the land to attract new tenants that can utilize the port's deepwater dock,

which provides 4,000 feet of waterfront access for large cargo ships. The dock is also self-scouring, meaning it never has to be dredged.

Opponents fear whether new fossil fuel developments may pollute the air and water, harming endangered salmon and contaminating farms within a vulnerable, low-lying area.

Jim Hoffmann, who farms 175 acres of organic blueberries roughly 2 miles downstream of Port Westward, condemned the commission's vote on July 14 as "a travesty."

"The port and the county are turning back the clock on Oregon's land use progress with plans to pave over wetlands on the floodplains of the Lower Columbia River," Hoffmann said, adding the port's plans will put local crops like berries, spearmint and peppermint at risk.

Dan Serres, conservation director at Columbia Riverkeeper, echoed Hoffmann's comments and said the group



Harold Hutchinson

**The Port Westward Industrial Park is at the center of a controversy involving local farmers.**

plans to appeal.

"We think the county commission and the port have made a big mistake," Serres said.

Scott Jensen, a planner at the port, said the rezone application was submitted with no specific project in mind.

"We really have not been talking to people about specific projects, because we want to make sure we have the land first," Jensen said. "We're doing this work so that private businesses don't have

to go through and do this type of work on top of their regular development timeline."

However, Northwest Innovation Works, the company behind a rejected methanol refinery in Kalama, Wash., does have a lease option that was approved by the port in 2019 to build a facility within part of the rezoned land at Port Westward, which has raised worries about the site becoming a hub for fossil fuels.

Part of the rezone was also set aside for two new agri-

cultural leases, with Seely Mint leasing 211 acres and and Columbia River Ranch leasing 243 acres for cattle grazing.

Port Westward is already home to three gas power plants operated by Portland General Electric, and a loading facility operated by the Massachusetts-based Global Partners Inc. to ship ethanol and biodiesel across the Pacific Ocean.

Jensen said the port expected there would be an appeal, and is prepared to return to LUBA.

Farmland in Oregon is broadly protected under state land use planning laws — specifically Goal 3, which requires counties to identify land for "exclusive farm use." Rezoning farmland requires what is known as a Goal 3 exception.

The port's first stab at rezoning was approved in 2014. Columbia Riverkeeper and Mike Seely, a local mint farmer, appealed that decision, which was

remanded by LUBA.

The port re-submitted its application in 2017, this time identifying five potential uses for the land. They include forestry and wood products; dry bulk commodities; liquid bulk commodities; natural gas; and break bulk cargo.

Again, Columbia County approved the request, and again it was remanded by LUBA on appeal from Columbia Riverkeeper and 1,000 Friends of Oregon.

Though LUBA agreed the five proposed uses do depend significantly on Port Westward's dock, and no alternative sites could reasonably accommodate them, the port did not do enough to show compatibility with surrounding farms and habitat.

The question of compatibility remains at the heart of the dispute.

"The scale of this is really big, and resource impacts are significant," Serres said. "It will be interesting to see how LUBA treats this for a third time."

# USDA focuses on meat, poultry market competition

By **CAROL RYAN DUMAS**  
Capital Press

USDA last week announced plans to address competition in meat and poultry markets by strengthening enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act, expanding processing capacity and opportunities for small processors and ensuring accurate origin labeling.

USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack said he was motivated to address issues in the meat and poultry sectors because 90% of American farms don't generate the majority of income for the farmers who own them.

"To me that is a wake-up call and the need for us to focus on more, new and better markets," he said during a virtual conference call on Tuesday.

That means markets that are more open, transparent, competitive and fair, he said.

Vilsack was joined by Sens. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, and Jon Tester, D-Mont., who have championed market reform.

Grassley said he's long been working to fix anti-competitive practices in the industry and has been waiting for USDA secretaries and both Republican and Democratic administrations



Carol Ryan Dumas/Capital Press File

**Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack is working with two Midwest senators to increase competition in the live cattle marketplace.**

to take action.

"We want to beef up enforcement and expand transparency," he said.

The actions USDA is taking fit in with his efforts to reform the cattle market through legislation, he said.

"I've raised concerns about the lack of transparency that's making it hard for farmers to get a fair price," he said.

Cattle producers are losing money on each head of cattle while packers are profiting up to \$1,200 per head, he said.

"These farmers have every reason to be fed up with the anticompetitive practices in the marketplace," he said.

The system is clearly broken when there's high demand for beef and consumers are paying high prices while cattle producers are barely making ends meet, he said.

Tester said USDA's efforts are a giant step in the right direction.

"We've seen rural America dry up, diminish, blow away and we asked ourselves why. And I can tell you the answer is pretty obvious to me. We don't have competition in our marketplace and capitalism and markets depend upon competition and fairness to stay strong, and we just haven't had that," he said.

It hasn't just impacted

cow-calf producers and small and medium-sized feeders in particular, it's also put the boots to consumers, he said.

"We need to make sure that we have competitive markets and fair prices," he said.

It's been clear for 50 or 60 years there aren't competitive markets in the U.S. meat industry, he said.

"Right now there are four companies that control 80% of the meat processing in America. Man, oh man, it doesn't take a statistician to figure out that there's not a lot of competition in that system," he said.

The meat industry is so consolidated that longtime family farms are having a hard time staying afloat, and consumers are seeing meat prices skyrocket, he said.

Expanding processing is a big step in the right direction because more capacity means more competition, he said.

"All people want in this marketplace is fairness. We don't have that now," he said.

That's why he and Grassley have been working on bills to address the issue, he said.

There's no silver bullet to fix the problems of consolidation in the meat industry, he said.

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VIN = KM8K3CA5XLU412186  
Amount due on lien \$1415.00  
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2019 WWTI TRL  
VIN = 59H241T22K1000524  
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VIN = 1GNSKJ36BR235228  
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VIN = 1UYVS25391U278101  
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VIN = 5N1AT2M66K806872  
Amount due on lien \$1575.00  
Reputed owner(s)  
GLORI DIANE REDFERN  
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2018 KIA SOL UT  
VIN = KNDJP3A59J7903574  
Amount due on lien \$1575.00  
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2020 FORD FUS 4D  
VIN = 3FA6P0RU5L1R172160  
Amount due on lien \$1575.00  
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FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY

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VIN = 4T3Z2A3B82U084247  
Amount due on lien \$1535.00  
Reputed owner(s)  
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VIN = KNMAT2MV9KP504442  
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2017 TOYT COA 4DR  
VIN = 5YFBURHE1HP718935  
Amount due on lien \$1575.00  
Reputed owner(s)  
ANA & FERNANDO B DE HARO  
PRESTIGE FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

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2019 KIA FOR 4DR  
VIN = 3KPF24AD4KE097467  
Amount due on lien \$1575.00  
Reputed owner(s)  
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2017 CHEV CRUZE 4DR  
VIN = 1G1BC55M8H7213951  
Amount due on lien \$1575.00  
Reputed owner(s)  
AUSTIN FRANK GOSSER  
RIVERMARK COMMUNITY C.U

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2017 CHEV MAL 4DR  
VIN = 1G1ZE5577HF284032  
Amount due on lien \$1575.00  
Reputed owner(s) J CARMEN GUZMAN-ARROYO  
ONPOINT COMMUNITY C.U

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**PUBLIC MEETING**  
The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announces a meeting of the Washington State Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) on Thursday, July 29, 2021 from 9:30am to 12:30pm. This meeting will be held by teleconference. For more information, contact Nick Vira at 360-704-7758.

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Reputed owner(s) GREGORY A & ANITA A ADAMS

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VIN = 3C63RRL2K7G726199  
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VIN = 5TFJX4GNXEX031070  
Amount due on lien \$1455.00  
Reputed owner(s) SUSAN GUERRA & BERNARDINA ALVARADO  
CAPITAL ONE AUTO FINANCE

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Reputed owner(s) TREVOR J & HEATHER K SKINNER  
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